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A.—(*a*) 205.
(*b*) 27.
(*c*) Higher elementary 7—Lower elementary 20.
(*d*) No.
(*e*) Does not arise

Kanarese as the medium of instruction in Kanarese-speaking areas other than South Kanara and Bellary.

* 1463 *Q.*—Mr. A. B. Shetty: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether Kanarese is used as the medium of instruction in the schools of any districts or portions thereof other than South Kanara and Bellary in this Presidency; and

(*b*) which is the vernacular taught in schools in the Kanarese-speaking parts of the districts of Coimbatore and Nilgiris?

A.—(*a*) Yes; in the elementary schools in the Kollegal taluk and Talavadi firka of Gobichettipalaiyam taluk and in the Board High School, Kollegal, Coimbatore district. Kanarese is taught as the second vernacular in the Rao Sahib H. J. Belli Gowder's Higher Elementary School, Hoobathalai, Aravankadu, in the Nilgiris district.
(*b*) Kanarese.

Admission of depressed classes pupils in schools.

* 1464 *Q.*—Mr. A. B. Shetty: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether there are any schools managed out of public funds, and located on sites where members of the depressed classes are not admitted, and if so, the number of such schools;

(*b*) whether any cases of local board or aided schools refusing admission to pupils of the depressed classes have been brought to the notice of the Government; and

(*c*) whether in any of the local board or aided schools depressed class pupils who are given admission are made to sit separately in the class room, and if so, whether the Government are doing anything to discourage such a practice?

A.—(*a*) Yes. During 1928–29, 1,875 schools managed out of public funds were located on sites inaccessible to pupils of the depressed classes.
(*b*) Yes.
(*c*) No authenticated cases of this kind have been reported to Government.

Mr. A. B. Shetty:—"With reference to the answer to clause (*b*), may I know, Sir, what action the Government have taken in regard to those local board or aided schools which have refused admission to pupils of the depressed classes?"

The hon. Dr. P. Subbarayan:—"The Government have given a warning and if they persist, their grant will be stopped."